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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final action dated January 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and consider remarks which follow. A Request for Continued Examination is filed with this response.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification has been provided herewith. This substitute specification contains language which was originally incorporated by reference to co-pending application Serial No. 09/259,116, which is now U.S. Patent 6,254,592. A version with markings showing the amendments made is also provided herewith. No new matter is added by the substitute specification.

The language inserted in the specification begins on page 7 and ends on page 10. This language appears in column 4, line 58 to column 7, line 7 of U.S. Patent 6,254,592. The paragraph following the heading "Examples" has been deleted, as unnecessary in that all temperatures are referred to in degrees Fahrenheit and no reference is made to parts or percentages.